

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Griffith, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, and Hocker. Absent: Murray. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda with the change of moving the audit presentation and the closed session to the end of the agenda. ALL AYED. Griffith moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the Consent agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing- the Mayor opened the public hearing on the Flood plain ordinance. Since there was nobody present to speak on the issue it was closed. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the application with Rural Development for Water system improvements. Since there was nobody present to speak on the issue it was closed.

Public Comments- Jackie Wahlert spoke about the drainage problem she has on her property. She presented pictures of problem areas. PW Director Thygesen stated he interpreted the code to state that the ditch would be the property owner's responsibility. He suggested that he would contact the City Attorney on the interpretation and contact JEO for a recommendation.

Department Reports- The Clerk reported that the City Attorney had advised him that the Secretary of State had replied back that annexation of part of the T-Bone trail would satisfy the requirements to annex Waspy's truck stop. The process would have to be started over from the beginning with new applications.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business-

Ordinance 721- Third reading of Gas utility franchise. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; Griffith ABSENT; Murray ORDINANCE PASSED 3 to 1

Ordinance 722- Third reading of Electric utility franchise. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; Griffith ABSENT; Murray ORDINANCE PASSED 3 to 1

New Business-

JEO- Blake Birkel addressed the Council about the HWY 71 expansion project and the estimates of costs. He also explained the proposed engineering agreement between the City and JEO. Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to enter into the engineering agreement with JEO. ALL AYED.

Ordinance 724- amending of the Flood plain ordinance. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt the new flood plain ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to waive the second and third readings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Hocker, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0

Resolution 16-9- Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this resolution that approves the application with USDA Rural Development for Water System improvements. ROLL CALL: Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

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Street lighting- Mid American Energy brought to the City's attention the ownership and location of a street light on Hillcrest Drive. After some discussion, Griffith moved, Hocker seconded, to keep the light where it is located. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing for meeting times- Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to order a Public Hearing on the changing of the ordinance for Council meetings back to the original twice a month and at 7:00pm. AYES; Griffith, Jacobsen, NAYS; Hemmingsen, Hocker ABSENT; Murray MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF MAJORITY.

Public Hearing for FY 2017 Budget- Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to set the Public Hearing for the budget on March 14th at 5:30pm. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-8- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing Rod Benton to Planning and Zoning Board. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Hocker, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-10- Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing Steve Stetzel to the Board of Adjustments. ROLL CALL: AYES; Griffith, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Hocker NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Presentation of FY 2015 Audit- Clerk Foran presented the Council with the results of the 2015 Audit. He went over changes of funds and operations from year over year. He answered any questions that the Council had. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to accept the FY 2015 Audit report and instruct the Clerk to publish the notice. ALL AYED.

Closed Session per IA Code 20.17- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to go into a Closed Session to discuss negotiations of a new agreement with the Union. AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Murray MOTION PASSED 4 to 0. Closed session began and 6:46pm closed session ended at 7:55pm.

Open Session- Council voted to open session at 7:58pm.

Comments and Propositions-

Mayor- asked on the status of the Downtown revitalization project and the Market Street project. Clerk Foran explained that property owners were pledging to be on the project. The current number was around six. Apex, the company hired to handle the environmental testing, for the Market Street project is scheduled to take samples in February. Based on those results more work would be needed or the project would be ready to have ownership of the property change.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk